36 quick-stitch

All-occasion charts

FREE with THE WORLD OF Cross Stitching

Easy-make cards to stitch with your Madeira threads!

Welcome

They say that the best things in life are free, and with this amazing **three-part gift,** I'm inclined to agree! Not only are we giving you two stranded cotton packs in stunning, on-trend shades, but three of the UK's most talented cross stitch designers have created a fantastic selection of **charts for all occasions,** using these threads – all absolutely free for you!

Whatever the event you're stitching for, there are loads of charts in this collection for you to choose from. The **elegant blackwork** designs from Clare Clensy (p4) will never go out of fashion, the **funky floral alphabet** (p10) from Durene Jones is great for cards and gift tags, and Diane Machin's got all those upcoming birthdays sorted with a set of six **gorgeous greetings** (p28).

Find out about your **free Madeira threads** on page 34 of this book – I know you'll love them!

Ruth

Editor
The World of Cross Stitching

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Chart Book key

Cross stitch in two strands

	Madeira	
+	304	coral
⊠	1104	mint green

Cross stitch in one strand

-⊙-	304	coral
*	1104	mint green

Backstitch in one strand

	304	coral
	1104	mint green

Backstitch in two strands

	304	coral
	1104	mint green

Backstitch in three strands

	304	coral
	1104	mint green

French knots in one strand

●	304	coral

MAX. STITCH COUNT
50 high x 52 wide

DESIGN AREA 14 HPI (28-count evenweave) – 9x9.5cm (3½x3¾in)

These designs were stitched using your free Madeira threads

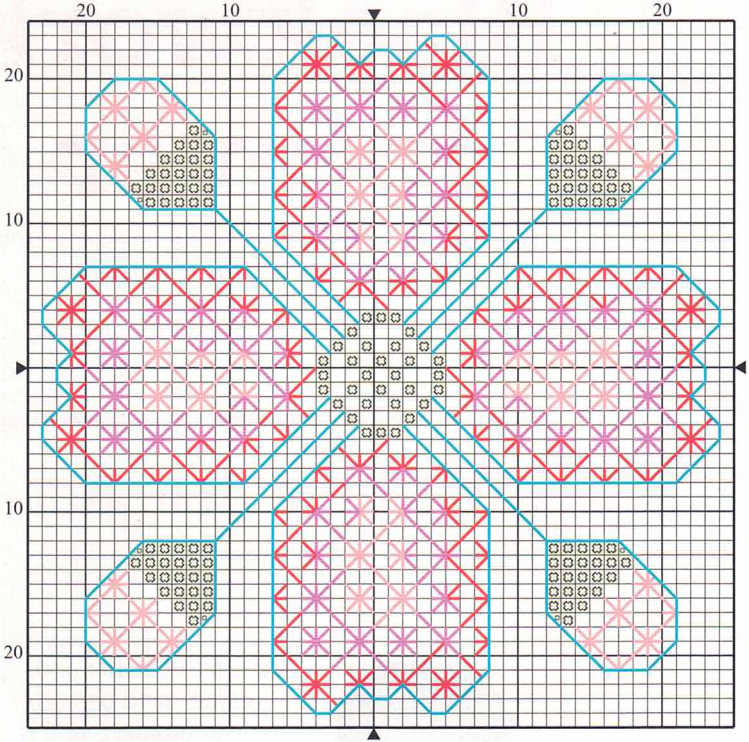
Blackwork forever

These fresh, elegant designs are timeless creations – stitch and send one with your free threads today!

Meet the designer

Clare Clensy

Clare is the owner and creative mind behind Vine Embroidery, and is a graduate of the Royal School of Needlework. "I'm a big fan of all forms of embroidery, but blackwork is a particular favourite of mine, so I hope you love these designs!"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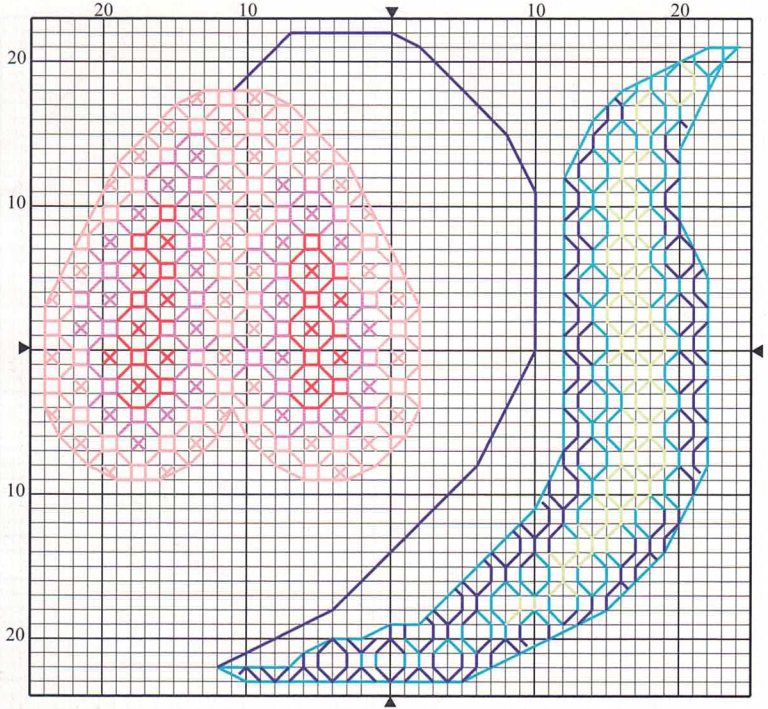
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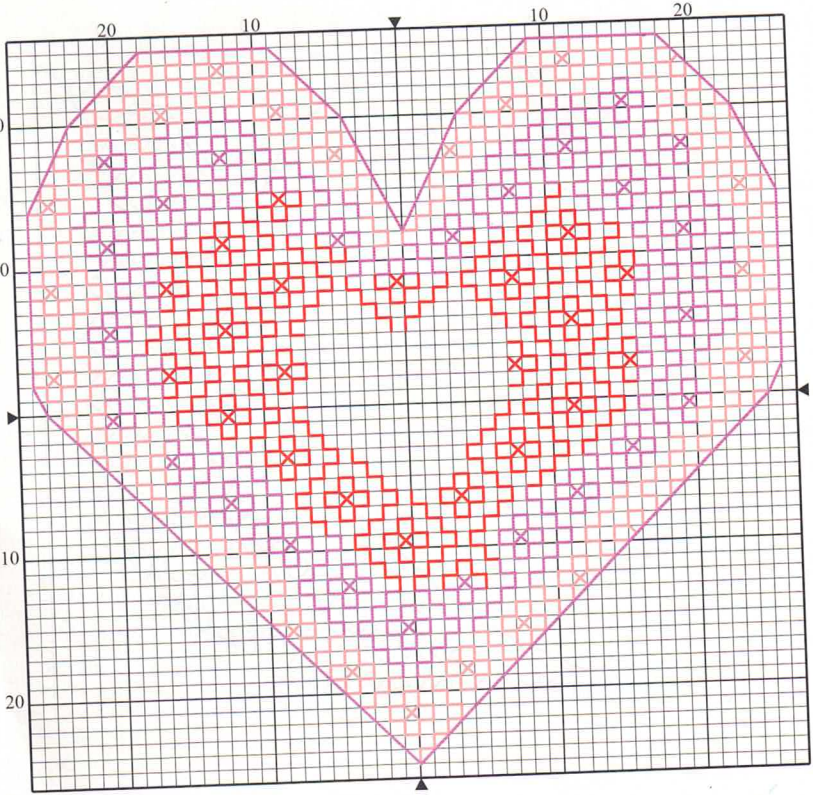
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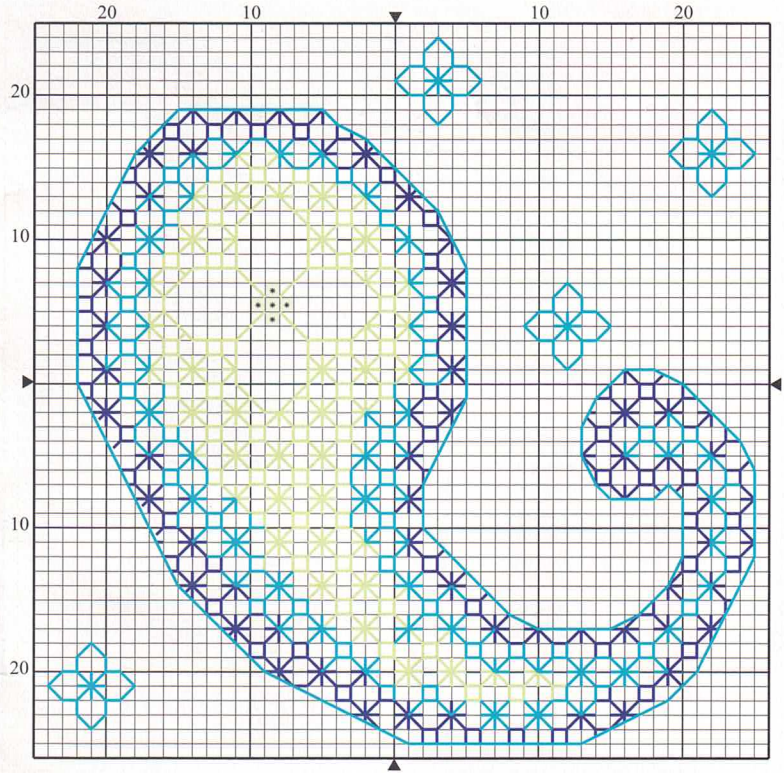
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SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

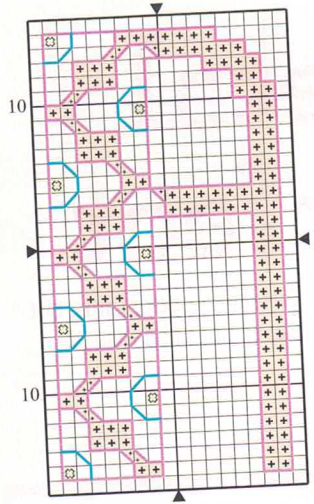
Petal perfect

Use this flower-filled ABC to create bespoke cards, gift tags and more for your loved ones and friends

Meet the designer

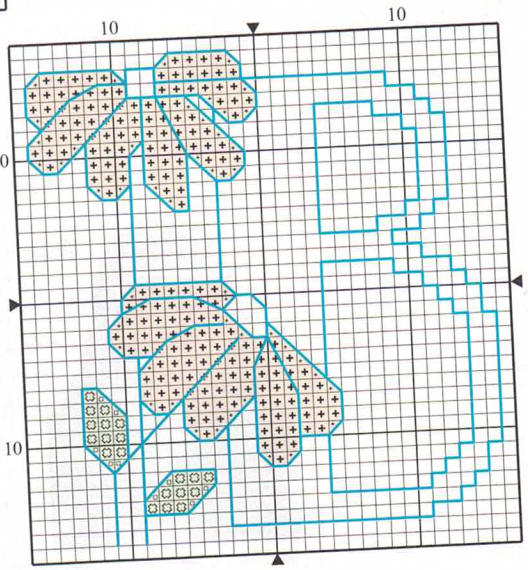
Durene Jones

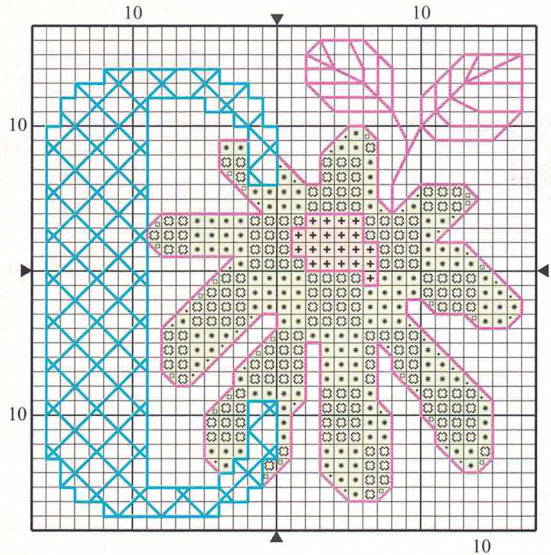
With a real passion for colour, Durene has made use of stitches in one and two threads to give these designs extra impact: "It was a real challenge to use just two different colours – but a very enjoyable one. It really got my creative juices flowing!"



TOP TIP

These designs are great for using up scraps of aida – use pieces that are a good couple of inches larger than the motifs you're stitching

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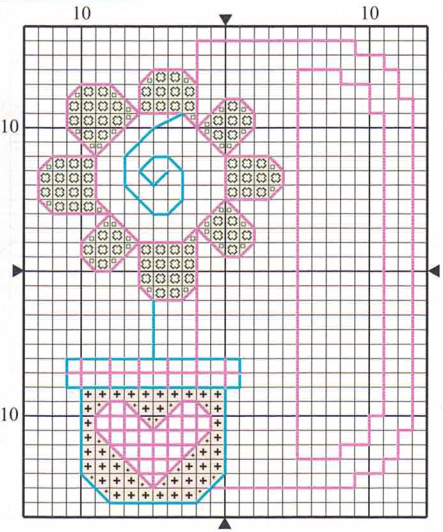
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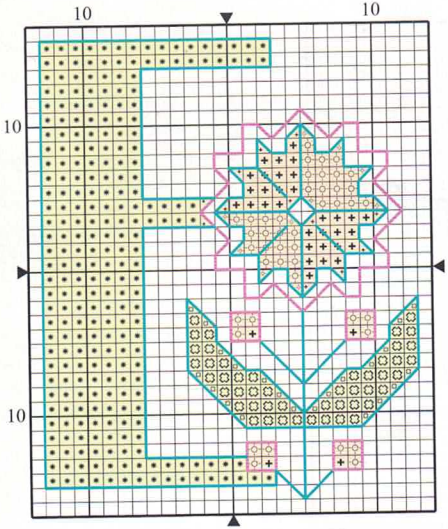
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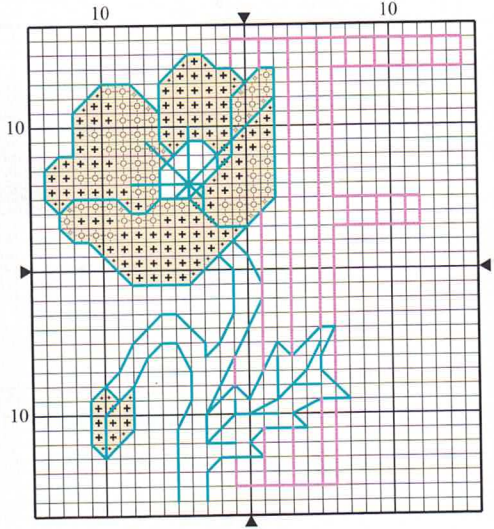
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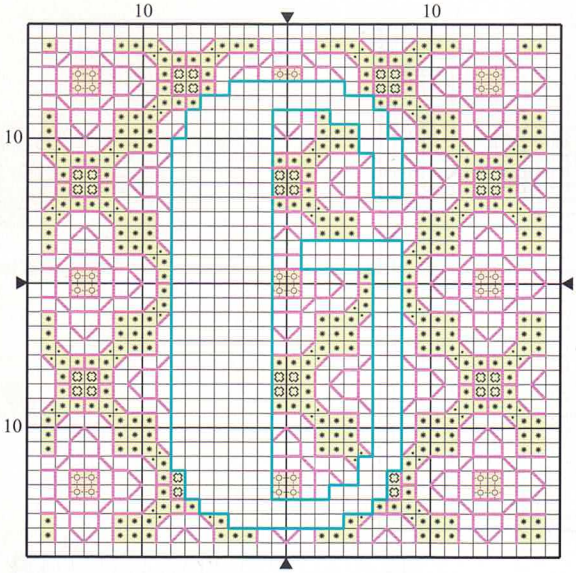
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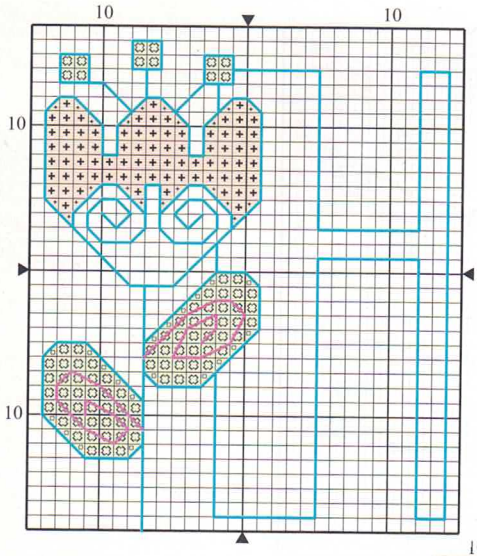
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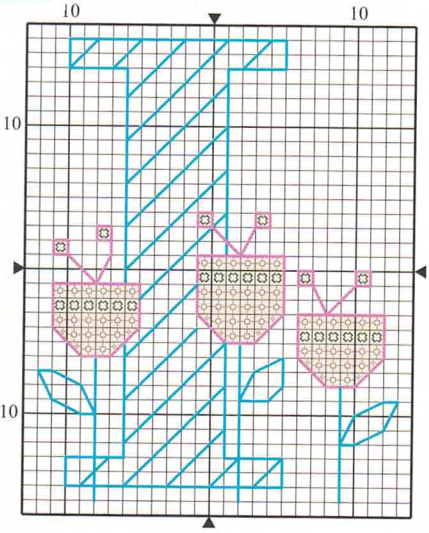
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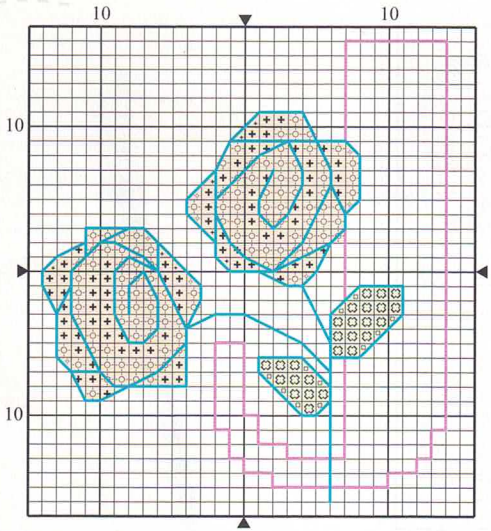
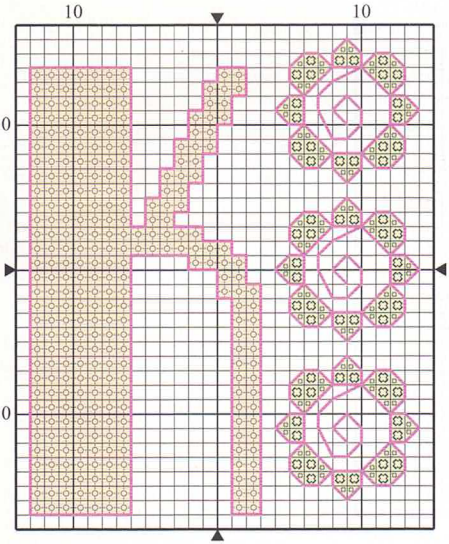


"My sister's birthday isn't far off and I've been looking for a chart I can stitch for her card. I think my hunt is over! She'd love to have her initial, C, in these pretty colours. If I mount it carefully then she can pop it in a small frame and keep it forever!"

HANNAH, ART ASSISTANT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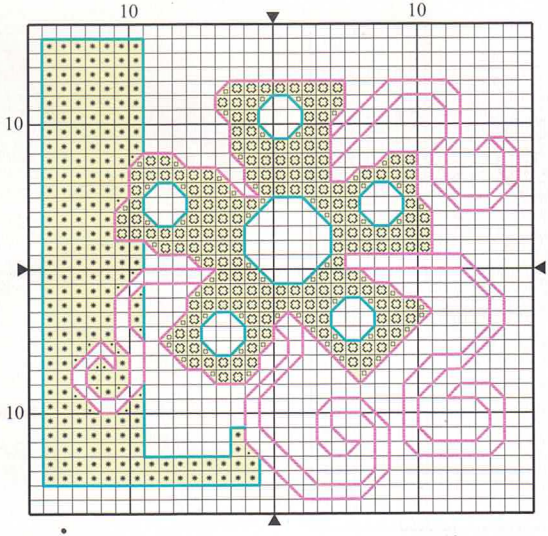
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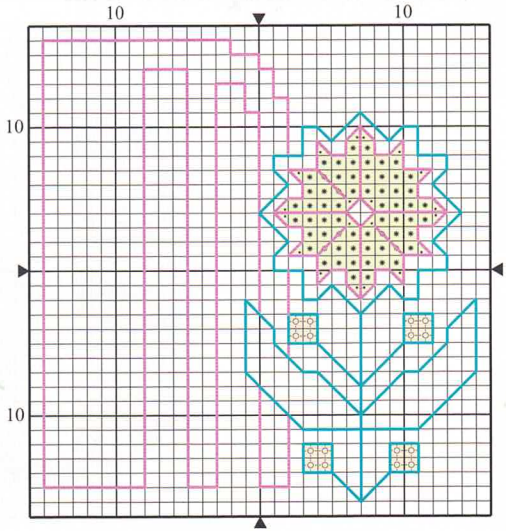
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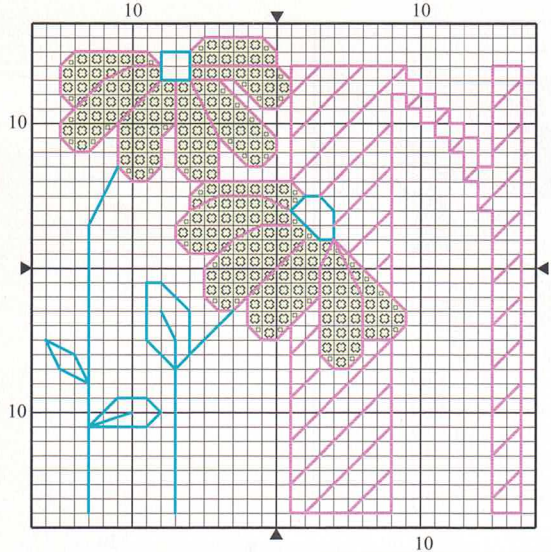
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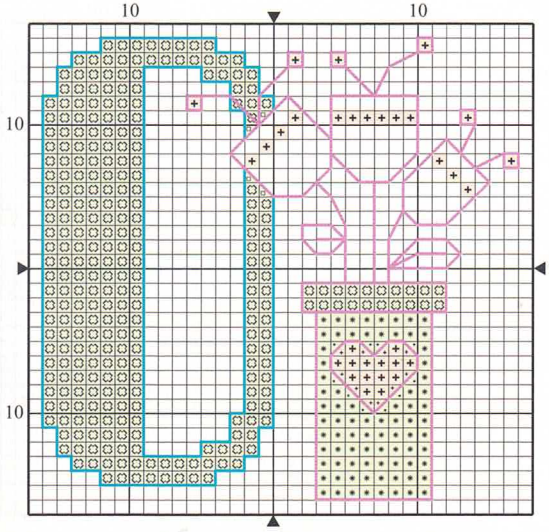
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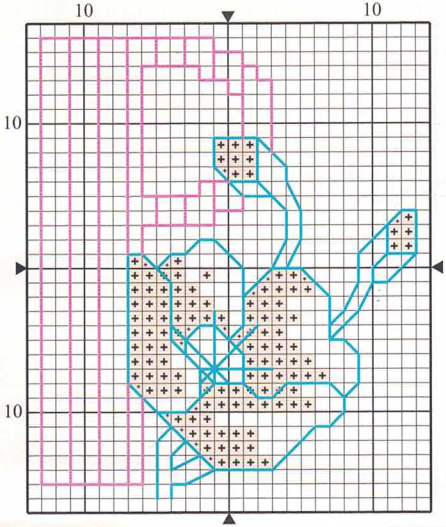
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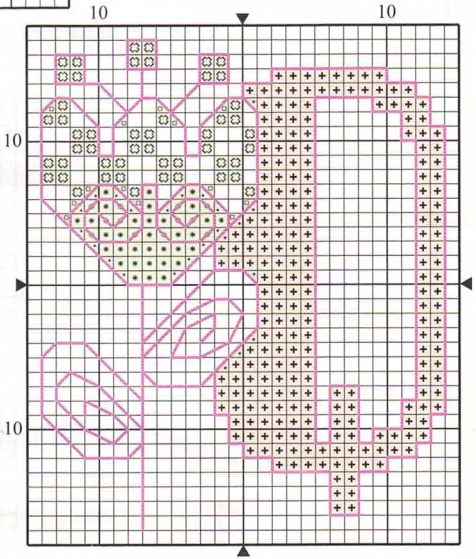
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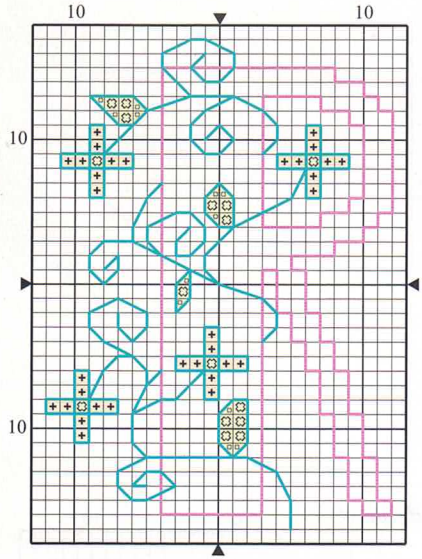
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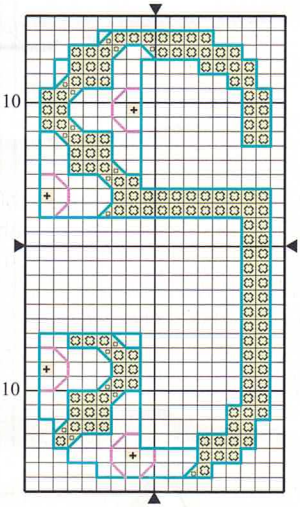
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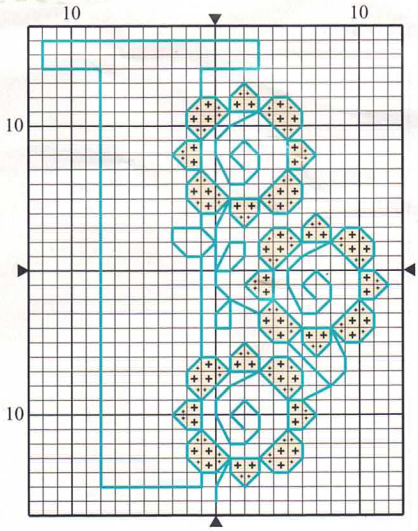
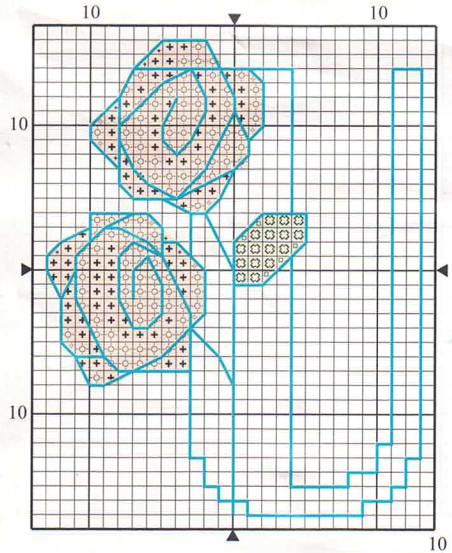


"I adore these colours! The soft peach and turquoise are fresh and very fashionable right now. Perfect for spring, I think – even when the Great British weather disappoints, stitching with these colours makes it feel like summer's on its way!"

MEL, PRODUCTION EDITOR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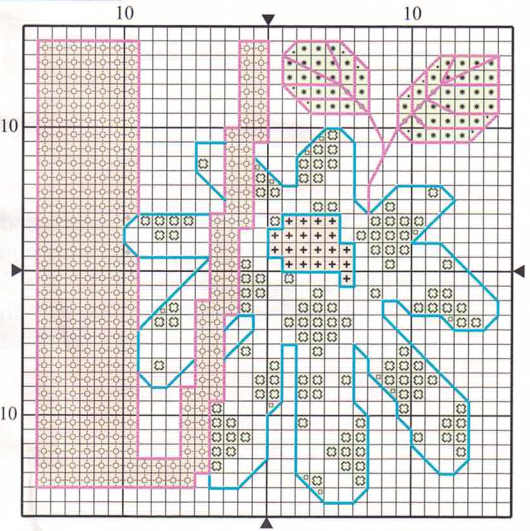
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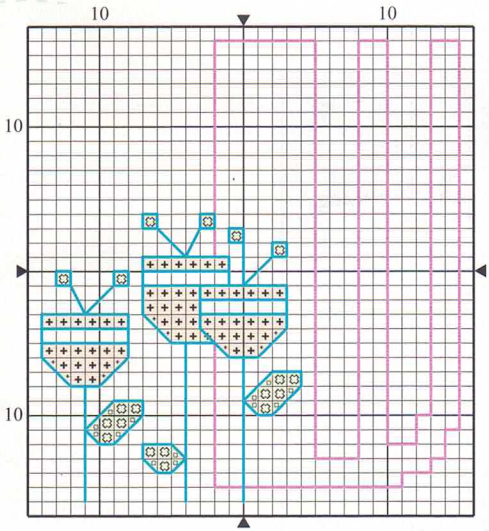
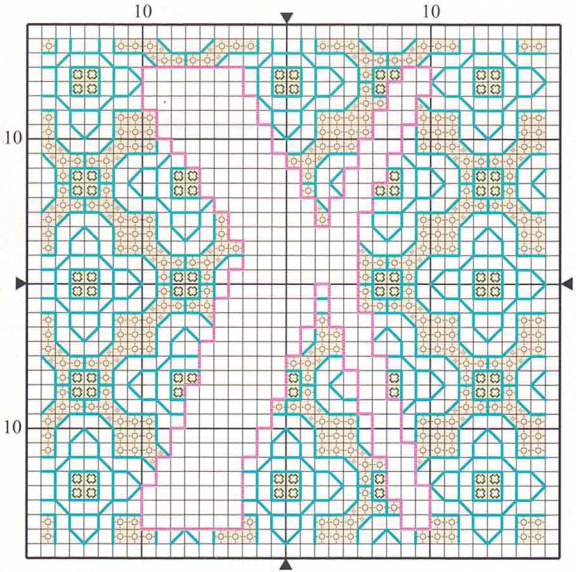


TOP TIP

Finish your cards off with a coordinating ribbon for an extra flourish!

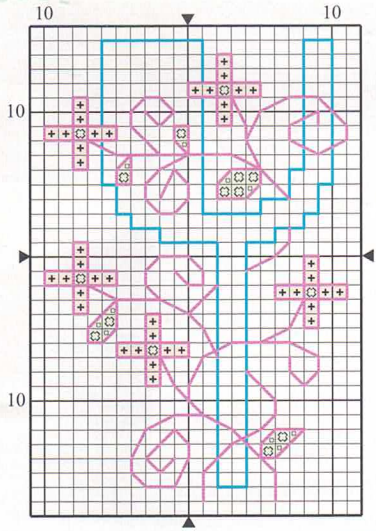


How to... make a patch

1 Trim your design, leaving a border of about one inch around the edge. With tweezers, gently fray the edge of the aida.

2 Cut a piece of white paper to the size of your stitched piece. Attach it to the reverse of your stitching with double-sided tape.

3 Again, using double-sided tape, stick the stitched piece onto your card. Take care to position the patch centrally.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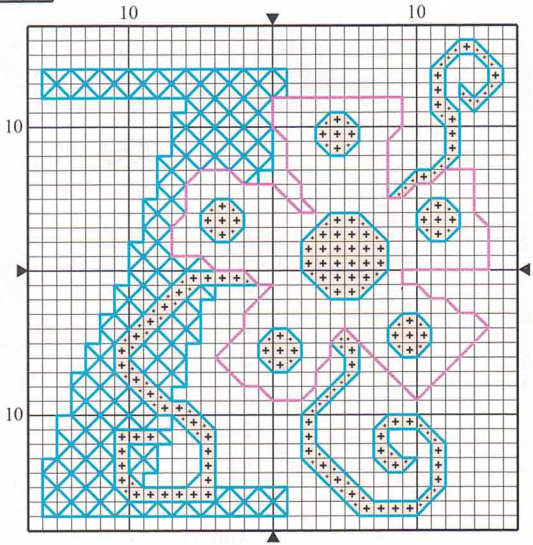
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STITCH YOUR HAPPY WISHES!

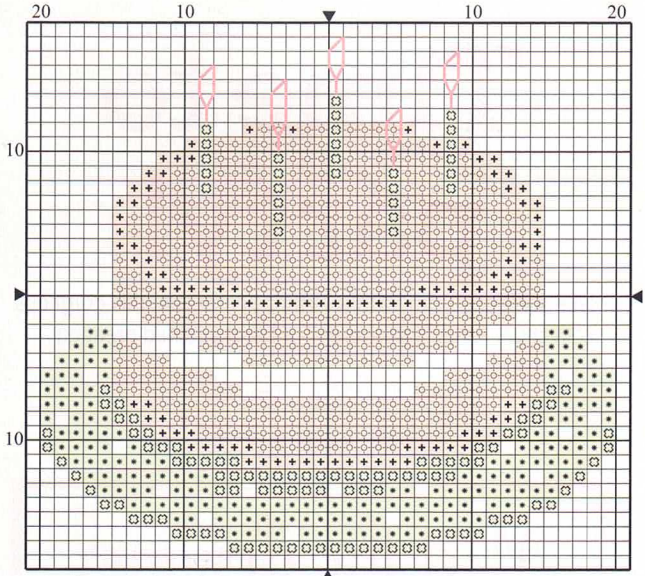
Time to party!

Make someone's day with a birthday card from this gorgeous collection – they'll treasure your hand-stitched greeting...

Meet the designer

Diane Machin

Based in the north of England, Diane is a designer with a real flair for fresh, cheery designs. So, she was the natural choice for this set of birthday cards! "I've included all the key elements of any great party – cake, balloons, bunting, and happy, loving wishes!"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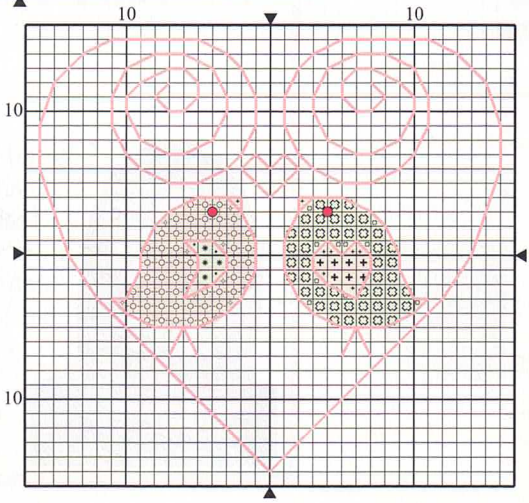
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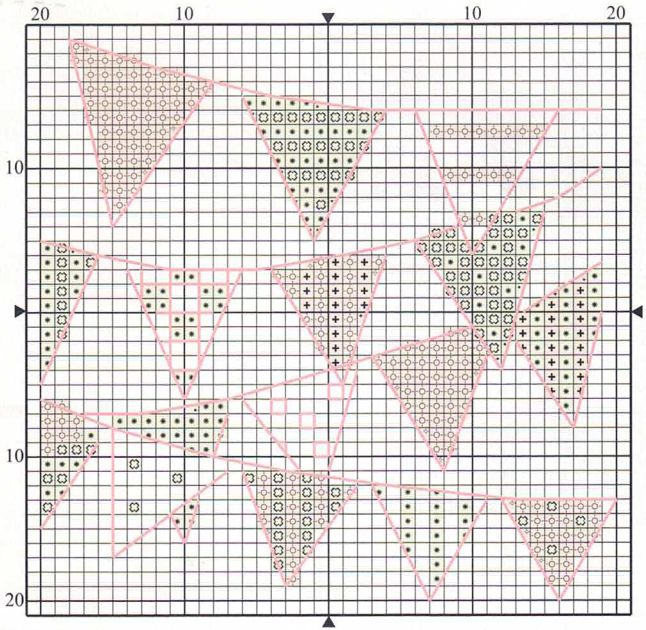
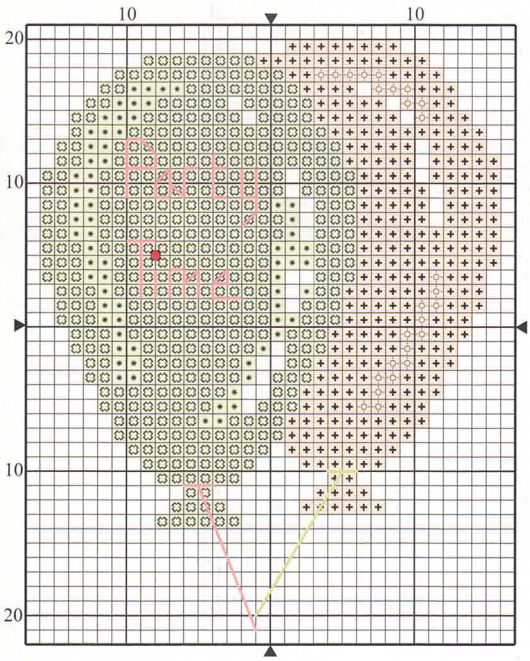


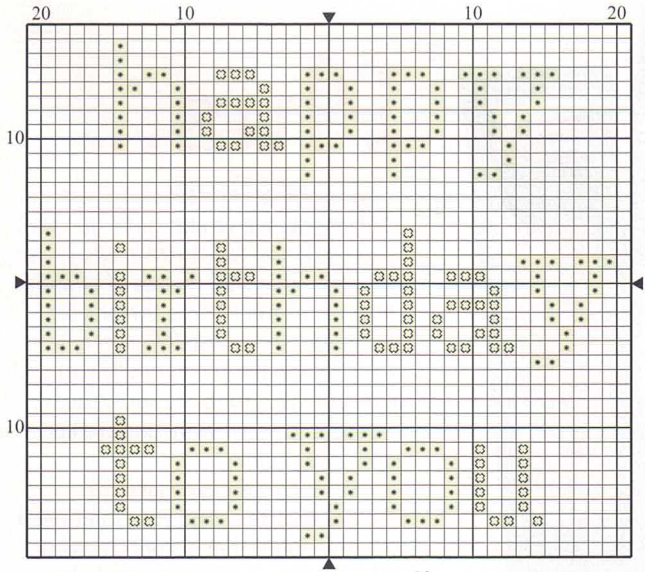
"Although these were designed as birthday cards, you could use some of them for other events, too. The bunting pattern above would do for any celebration, while the lovebirds chart, left, would be great for a wedding or anniversary."

SUE, ART EDITOR



TOP TIP

Wash your hands before every stitching session to keep both threads and fabric bright and clean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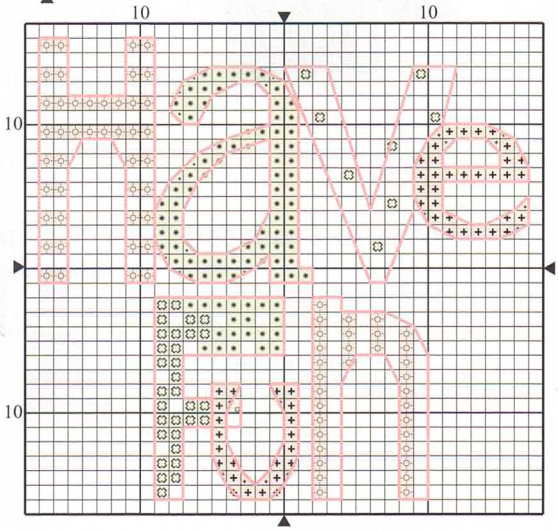
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Plus...

As well as this fantastic chart book, we've also given you two packs of **Madeira's Mouliné thread** – that's 20 metres of stranded cotton – for free! These threads are made from the finest Egyptian cotton, which makes them beautifully soft and shiny but still strong. As such, they're effortless to stitch with, and we know you'll love them!

We've chosen **two pretty spring shades**. And you don't need to worry about that gorgeous colour fading, as the threads are washable and colourfast up to 95°C.

Cross stitch in action!

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